



**SPECIAL MEETING
DRAFT MINUTES
Brookfield Conservation Commission
Brookfield Town Hall
Tuesday, April 22, 2014
11:00 AM – Land Use Office**

1. CALL TO ORDER: Chair A. Dew called the meeting to order at 10:50 AM and established a quorum of members:

Present: A. Dew, Chair; R. Blessey, Vice Chair; M. Dew; M. Carmody

Absent: S. Landis, Secretary/Treasurer; J. Bronn

Also Present: J. Sivo; E. Cole Prescott, Recording Secretary

M. Dew entered the meeting room at 10:54 AM.

2. BURR FARM MANAGEMENT: *J. Sivo was present to discuss this matter.* J. Sivo was present to discuss adding fertilizer to a portion of the Burr Farm. Data sheets of the Pasture Pro Herbicide have been submitted to Chair A. Dew for the record. R. Blessey stated that the spraying needs to be posted, and the field should be closed for the duration of the spray. J. Sivo mentioned that the herbicide generally dries within 15 to 20 minutes. Posting will be done at the corner along the path of the entrance by the farmhouse on the corner of Dinglebrook as well as on other areas of the property. Due to impending weather reports, the Commission and J. Sivo discussed the possibility of his spraying on April 28th and 29th. A. Dew suggested that signs could also be posted to indicate that the land will be closed for the entire day. A. Dew shared some signs with the Commission to be posted on the property. J. Sivo stated that he will most likely be out on site around 9:30 or 10:00 AM.

A. Dew asked J. Sivo to send a copy of his certificate of insurance to the Town, and she and J. Sivo signed the Maintenance and Haying Agreement.

3. HAPPY LANDINGS MANAGEMENT: R. Blessey stated that he and J. Bronn have spoken with someone who may be interested in maintaining and haying Happy Landings on a five-year lease. J. Bronn and R. Blessey met with Gary Gaydosh regarding this potential lease. A. Dew mentioned that an acre is to be left for the natural wildlife. R. Blessey mentioned that it would be better to open the south side of the parking lot the same way in which the north side is open. He mentioned that a bollard would need to be installed on this side, if the area is to be opened. This item will be continued to the next regular meeting on May 7th.

4. OTHER CONSERVATION COMMISSION BUSINESS: R. Blessey mentioned that he will work with Eastern Precast to repair the current hand pump at the Eriksen Farm Open Space. He also suggested that a safe circuit be installed on the outside of the pump for use by the Giving Garden.

M. Dew stated that there is a hole in the patio steps at the Gurski rental house, which he believes is from settling. R. Blessey mentioned that he will speak with J. Salame, Chair of the Historic District Commission, regarding potential siding options for the house. M. Dew suggested that whatever type of siding remains should be stripped to sheathing, and pre-stained shingles installed. M. Dew will obtain estimates for the siding. M. Dew noted that perhaps vinyl shingles would be an option for the house at Junction Road. He also noted that the windows at the Eriksen Farm house are in need of repair.

M. Dew stated that he and M. Carmody had walked through the property, which does not have a washing machine. There are currently four machines in the house, none of which work. It was noted that the lease document would need to be checked to determine what was covered as part of that lease agreement.

M. Dew also mentioned that he has contacted Parks and Recreation Director D. DiPinto regarding some assistance with the removal of down trees at Williams Park. D. DiPinto noted that funds amounting to \$500 may be available from that office. M. Dew stated that he and A. Dew could start to remove some of the smaller trees.

J. Sivo left the meeting at 11:24 AM.

5. ADJOURNMENT: M. Carmody made a motion to adjourn at 11:40 AM. M. Dew seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

****Please contact Stephanie Landis: 203-775-4545 if you cannot attend the Meeting****

****Next regular meeting scheduled for May 7, 2014****